

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Winneconne Police Department



From the Desk of Paul Olson, Police Chief

To the Village Board and Residents of Winneconne,

I am proud to present the Winneconne Police Department's 2019 Annual Report to our community. The Department remains committed to working proactively and in close partnership with the community and its residents. I am very thankful for the residents of Winneconne and for the support that they have given me and my staff during this past year.

In 2019:

- Traffic stops decreased by 36% (due to completion of construction)
- Drug incidents increased by 64%
- Alcohol incidents decreased by 23%
- Ordinance incidents remained the same

In September of 2019, Officer Ben Honer was assigned to the newly created position of Police School Resource Officer. Officer Honer has taken on that job enthusiastically and, according to feedback from School Staff, is doing excellent work. His presence in the schools has relieved the day shift officer of many calls from the schools. Having an SRO position further strengthened our relationship with the School District.

Lt. Sauriol is a certified Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor and Officer Honer is a certified Firearms Instructor. By having Lt. Sauriol and Officer Honer teach and certify our officers in-house, our department complies with state law without requiring a lot of overtime. By efficiently conducting basic training and re-certification in-house, we have resources and flexibility to send officers to specialized training courses as circumstances may demand.

Across the country law enforcement has seen a drastic decline in the number of candidates for jobs. The Village of Winneconne Police Department often struggles to maintain six part-time officers on our staff to cover time off, training, and other necessary shifts. Winneconne is a training ground for part time officers seeking full time employment. We have been fortunate to maintain the current full-time staff. I would like to commend and thank all the members of the Winneconne Police Department for their dedication and service to the Village of Winneconne. The Winneconne Police Department will strive to provide the highest quality police services to our community.

Thank you,

Paul Olson

Chief of Police

Lt. Ben Sauriol's 2019 Annual Lieutenant Report



To the Village Board and the residents of the Village of Winneconne, 2019 came and went just as fast as the year before. The following are highlights of 2019:

In March, the police department received the Intoximeter, also known as an Intox machine. The Intox is used for breath tests when someone is arrested for operating while intoxicated. It can also be used for probation violations, absolute sobriety violations, and other violations where the alcohol content is needed. The breath test is our agency's primary test for OWIs. Having the Intox at the Winneconne Police Department is a major benefit. Rather than driving to the Omro Police Department or the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department to use their Intoximeter, we now can come here to our police department and reduce the amount of time it takes to process a drunk driver. Not only is having an Intoximeter a benefit to this police department, it has proven to be a benefit to the DNR. There have been a few occasions where the DNR has arrested people for intoxicated driving on the waterways. Having the Intoximeter here has saved the DNR from driving to Omro or the Sheriff's Department.

I completed another 10-33 Audit of our rifles, and this time we had an on-sight audit. Not only did we have a successful audit, we received 1500 rounds of free ammunition for our rifles through the 10-33 surplus program. The only cost to our department was shipping. Having this amount of ammo allows the officers to train with their rifles, while still keeping the cost down to virtually nothing. A win, win.

I continued to go to the Winnebago County Opioid Overdose meetings to discuss ways to reduce overdoses and dependency on opioids. Everyone is working to battle this epidemic, and hopefully we will soon see a decline in overdose and deaths, even if it's one person at a time.

This year I became a certified EVOC instructor. EVOC stands for Emergency Vehicle Operations and Control. EVOC teaches officers how to react while driving during emergency situations. The State of Wisconsin mandates every officer receive 4 hours of EVOC training

every 2 years. Examples of EVOC driving would be evasive maneuvers, high risk traffic stops, moving roadblocks, and controlled braking. Even though the state mandates the specific EVOC course they want taught every 2 years, I feel it is also a good idea to provide refreshers in other areas as well. Being an EVOC instructor allows this department to keep training in-house rather than having to contract with another department's instructor.



Finally, on a somewhat personal note, I will be going to dayshift starting in January of 2020. I've been on nights for the last 12 years. I'm known by many locals as "Night Ben". Well, come January that nickname won't apply. It has been a great 12+ years working nights and getting to know the bartenders, local patrons, and people who work late around the Village. I want to thank them for their support and trust throughout the years. I'll still be out and about working hard, only this time, I'll be wearing my sunglasses and getting some color from the sunlight.

I look forward to what 2020 will bring.

Sincerely,

Lt. Ben Sauriol.



SRO End of Year Report

Ben Honer

Winneconne School District Resource Officer

I want to start this report off by saying thank you to Chief Paul Olson, School Superintendent Dr. Peggy Larson, the Village of Winneconne Board, the Winneconne School Board, and the residents of the Village of Winneconne, for allowing me this opportunity to be the School Resource Officer for the Winneconne School District. When this position was in the planning phase, I heard nothing but positive things regarding the position, as well as its need in our school district. Working patrol in Winneconne for the past 12 years, I saw the need for it as well. I always made it a point to try and make a difference in the schools even as a patrol officer, so I felt that this position would be an easy transition for myself. This past summer (2019) I attended a state-wide week-long training conference for school resource officers, which all SRO's in our state attend annually. By going to this conference, I was equipped with tools to help my career as an SRO, as well as a deeper education into the true role of the SRO. I often get asked by members of the community if I'm still a "real" cop, if I have to still wear a bullet-proof vest, or if I still carry a gun. These questions told me that since this position is so new, I needed to educate the community as well as students regarding this role.

Before the school year started, I attended all of the home high school football games and continued to do so once school started. I was working at these games by providing security, as well as community policing. While doing this, I was able to answer a lot of questions people had. It was a great community outreach opportunity to be involved like this. My answer to the question of "What do you do?" has always been the same. I am a police officer that only works in the schools and respond to school related calls for service. A school is its own community and I have been placed in that community to work as a police officer.

I attended school staff in-service before the school year and got to know most of the staff members even more and was able to set up my own offices at each of our three schools. When the school year started, it was great to see the students at each of the schools accept me as another resource for them to use while they are at school. I often tell students that I'm their own police officer that they can come to at any time, which they have done. My daily duties during the school day are to respond to calls for service, assist staff, provide security, and just be there for the students. I was glad that I was given the freedom to make this job my very own and the

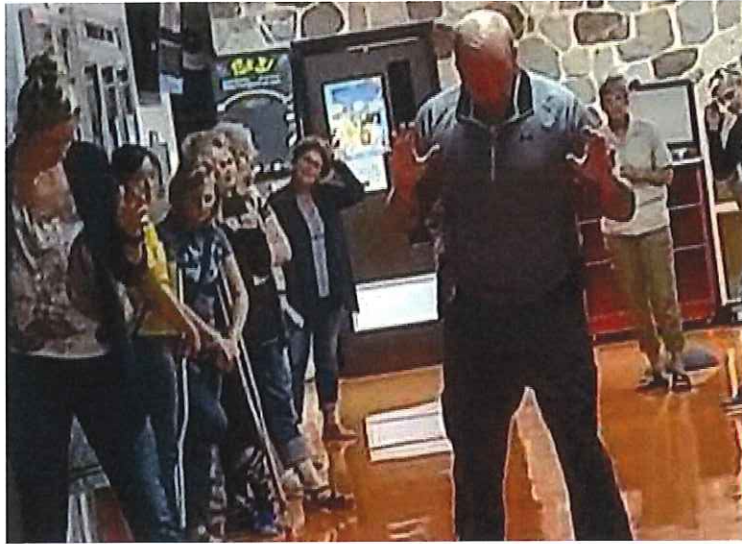
ability to do it as I think it should be done. During the months of September to present, I have responded to over 120 calls for service, and generated over 75 police reports. The positive interactions with students far outweigh the negative interactions that occur. Even with the negative interactions, I am able to turn them into positive life lessons for these students. Throughout the year you will also see me at most of the school functions, such as home sport events, band and choir concerts, and productions at our performing arts center.

During this year, I also participated in our school's ALICE drills, and worked with staff members and students on what my role is during a catastrophic event at the school. I was asked to hold an open forum style Q+A event at First Presbyterian Church in Winneconne and fielded a lot of good questions from members of this community.

Thank you again to everyone for giving me this opportunity of keeping your kids safe at school. I will continue doing my best and build positive relationships with our future.

– Ben Honer

Community



Woman's Defensive Tactics

Department Staff

Chief of Police Paul Olson

Lieutenant Ben Sauriol

Police Secretary/Court Clerk Tiffany Zarling

Full Time Officers

Officer Ben Honer

School Resource Officer, Firearms

Officer Kyle Sorensen

Equipment, cameras, squads, FTO

Officer Adam Kelm

FTO, Elderly

Part time Officers

Officer Thomas Abendroth

Officer John Xiong

Officer Bryana Wulgaert

Officer George Beattie

2019 Training

Each year the Department of Training and Standards requires each officer to have 24 hours of training. Of this, 24 hours each officer is required to have firearms training certification once a year and Emergency Vehicle operations every other year. We have firearms training twice a year. Lt. Sauriol will be attending emergency vehicle operations instructor training so we will be able to train in house. This will be a cost savings. Officer Honer is our firearms instructor and we do all firearms training in house. In January we hold our Department meeting. At this meeting we will review 2018 statistics and training. We will also look at our goals and training for 2019. In 2018 we sent Officer Sorensen to Field Training Officer school. We do a fair amount of training of new officers as we cycle through them. Typically, we train each new officer approximately 100 hours to get them on their own. Through LEXIPOL our officers review policies and take a quiz on these policies monthly. This gives each officer one to two hours of training per month.



Department Shoot

2019 Statistics

Incident numbers are when an officer is assigned or puts themselves on any incident that the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) will allow. The most common incidents that our officers put out on are Building Security, which is when officers check buildings for damage, open doors, unlawful entry, etc. In 2019 we had 15447 incident numbers assigned which was an increase of about 250 from 2018.

Traffic stops were less than 2018 due to the road and bridge construction coming to completion. This lowered the Municipal Court case load, but still put us ahead of 2017's numbers by 40 cases. Traffic accidents also increased slightly over 2018's numbers.

We made it a point to see that our ordinances were followed. In 2018 we had 315 ordinance issues, where in 2019 we had 319. We also spent time doing Community Policing and Building Security in 2019. Community Policing numbers were 1770 and Building Security numbers were 10354. Being very proactive in Ordinance enforcement, Community Policing and Building Security will reduce the amount of criminal activity as it relates to property crime (burglary, damage and theft). Once again in 2019 we had 0 burglaries.

Our calls to the school from January to June in 2019 were high. I worked cooperatively with the school to obtain funding for a School Resource Officer (SRO). Officer Honer started in September. His calls have gone up but will give a lasting impact on the students and staff. We are seeing dividends from Officer Honer's tireless work at the schools. Please also see SRO Honer's letter in this packet.

In 2019 we were proactive in drug enforcement as well. The drug related incidents increased from 13 to 34. We believe that drugs will never go away but actively enforcing our drug laws has a positive effect on the community. We work well with the bar and business owners which has paid great dividends by dropping alcohol related incidents in 2019.

2018 Roster Changes

This past year has produced many roster changes for us at the Part time position. We continue to lose part time officers to full time positions on other Departments. I did send one of our Part time officers to the recruit academy. This was paid for by the State. By doing this I can have this Part time officer sign an agreement requiring them to stay for an extended period. It is very difficult for new officers to send themselves through the academy. They get accepted much quicker if an agency sponsors them. This will at least temporarily hold the officers on our Department. The negative to this is we lose their service for 17 weeks while they attend the academy. We will continue with this practice in 2019.



Statistics 2019

